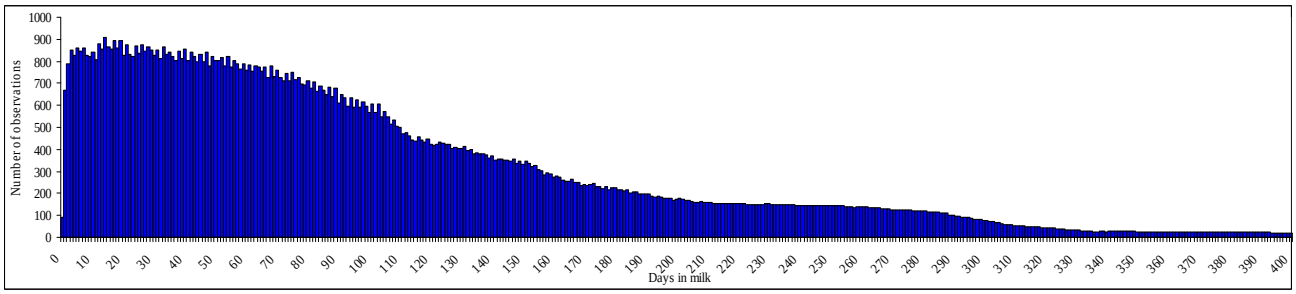
Additional file 1

File format: PDF

Title: Number of observations at different stages of the lactation

Description: Number of observations during the lactation: the number of observations dropped from *n* = 565 at day 100 to *n* = 334 at day 150 and *n* = 172 at day 200 of lactation.